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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as indicated below. Attached is a marked-up copy showing changes to the claim.

1. A thermoplastic composite panel, comprising a base transparent thermoplastic layer, conducting the light, having a thickness in the range 3-40 mm and a diffusing light layer, having a thickness in the range 10-1500 micron, placed on one or both surfaces of the base layer, said diffusing layer constituted by thermoplastic material containing barium sulphate in amount by weight, expressed as per cent ratio on the total

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